

**LESSON 2: BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**OBJECTIVE:** To make sense of what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit, in achieving your goals (personal and spiritual), with a great deal of excellence.

*2 Peter 1:3*

*“Seeing that His divine power has granted to everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”*

Christians should possess a **passion for growing**, developing, and maturing. The scriptures inform us that in order to be like Christ we are to grow.

*1 Peter 2:2*

*“Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.”*



**REVIEW:**

1. We are working on making the Holy Spirit a priority in our lives.
2. We are also focusing on growth in our lives for the year.
3. The way to obtain growth is through discipline – focusing on three disciplines

QUESTION: Would you rather pay the price of discipline or the price of regret?

4. Spiritual Growth is recognizing where we are and moving towards position and alignment with Christ. Working to achieve Christlikeness.

**Define Christlikeness:** Each scripture refers to Christlikeness, From that scripture write a sentence/phrase from that speaks Christlikeness.

I Corinthians 11:1: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 3:18: \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:1-2: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Achieving Spiritual Maturity is being where God wants us to be.

Review Rewrite your goal for 2024:

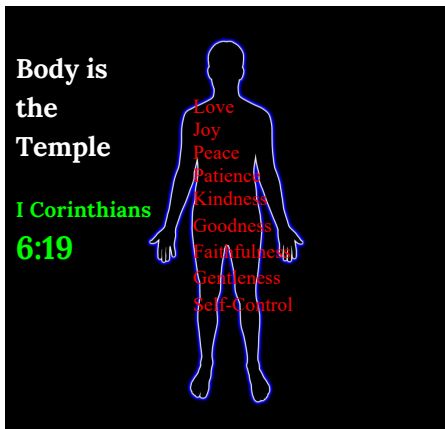
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### **I. The Holy Spirit Indwells in a Believer**

Along the journey you will need the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of Christ in a believer’s life: Ephesians 3:14-19

We are to be filled with fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23:



Results of a person filled with the Spirit?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. To be Filled with the Spirit**

#### **Read Ephesians 5:18**

Believers are to be filled with the Spirit, which means to be controlled by the Spirit.

1. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is the activity (Acts 4:8) of Jesus Christ in the life of a believer. It is when Christ gets into our total being and we move and respond to voice of Christ.
  - a. The indwelling person of Christ is the basic characteristic of a Christian
  - b. Philippians 2:13- Christ moves, works, and proves Himself in our hearts of those who serve Him.
2. The Spirit Indwells Among Sinning Christians
  - a. Paul reminded Christians that the Spirit indwells, I Cor. 3:16, 6:19. It must be noted that the Spirit does not come and go, the Spirit is not based on a feeling, it is based on truth.
  - b. Sin is not strong enough to drive the Spirit away.

**QUESTION:** What do people mean when they say, I am not good enough to serve God, or not good enough to attend church?

## **II. The Conditions for Being Spirit-Filled**

Spirit-filling means that the Spirit has control in a believer's life. It means that the believer is yielding and being obedient to the Spirit. Thus, obedience is the condition for the filling.

- A. One must have a Dedicated Life, Romans 12:1-2
  - a. One must present their life.
  - b. There must be separation, as not to be conformed to the world
  - c. There must be continual transformation.
  
- B. One Must live an Undeclared Life
  - a. The believer must be willing to admit to sin. Because sin goes against God's standard of holiness, I Peter 1:15-16.
  - b. Know that certain sins grieve the Holy Spirit, ie useless speech, bitterness, anger, wrath, evil speaking, Ephesians 4:29-31.
- C. One Must Live a Dependent Life, Gal. 5:16
  - a. Abide by God's Standard,
    - i. Love, John 13:34
    - ii. Pray without ceasing, I Thes. 5:17
  - b. Must be dependent because Satan is strong, I Peter 5:8

## **III. The Consequences of Being Filled**

- A. Christlike Character, Gal. 5:22-23, to be Spirit filled is not to obey the lust of the flesh, but produce the fruit of the Spirit.
- B. Worship and Praise, Eph, 5:18-20. Praise God through outward expression speaking to one another in hymns and spiritual songs. Second, inner expression of praise by singing and making melody in your heart.
- C. Submissiveness, Eph 5:21, living a life of submission in various relationships.
- D. Service, John 7:37-39